

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A substrate comprising a surface and a polymer, the polymer coating at least a portion of and being coupled to the surface;
the polymer comprising:
at least about 40 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof;
one or more pendant reactive groups configured to form covalent bond with biomolecule, wherein the pendant reactive groups comprise thermochemically reactive group, photochemically reactive group, or mixtures thereof.
2. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, wherein the polymer comprises N,N-dimethylacrylamide, N,N-diethylacrylamide, N-isopropylacrylamide, N-t-butylacrylamide, N-octylacrylamide, N-cyclohexylacrylamide, N-phenylacrylamide, N-benzylacrylamide, N-(CH₂OC₄H₉)acrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-(CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-methylmethacrylamide, N-ethylmethacrylamide, N,N-dimethylmethacrylamide, N,N-diethylmethacrylamide, N-acryloylmorpholine, N-methacryloylmorpholine, N-(CH₂OC₄H₉)methacrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂OH)methacrylamide, N-(CH₂OH)methacrylamide, or mixtures thereof.
3. (Original) The substrate of claim 2, wherein the polymer comprises N,N-dimethylacrylamide.
4. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, wherein the polymer comprises about 85 to about 95 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof.

5. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, wherein the polymer coating comprises an N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof in an amount effective to provide a contact angle of about 30° to about 60° for a sessile water drop.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The substrate of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise thermochemically reactive group; the thermochemically reactive group comprising NOS, epoxide, aldehyde, isothiocyanate, or mixtures thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The substrate of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise photochemically reactive group; the photochemically reactive group comprising acetophenone, benzophenone, quinone, anthraquinone, anthrone, heterocyclic analog of anthrone, or mixtures thereof.

9. (Previously presented) The substrate of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise photochemically reactive group; the photochemically reactive group comprises photoreactive aryl ketone; and the biomolecule comprises nucleic acid.

10. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises activated slide.

11. (Original) The substrate of claim 10, wherein
the slide is configured for fabricating microarray;
the biomolecule comprises nucleic acid; and
the surface comprises the surface of plastic, silicon hydride, or organosilane-pretreated glass or silicon slide.

12. (Original) The substrate of claim 10, wherein the slide is configured to receive sample in an amount of twenty nanoliters or less.

13. (Original) The substrate of claim 1, wherein the biomolecule comprises polypeptide or nucleic acid.

14. (Original) The substrate of claim 13, wherein the biomolecule comprises nucleic acid and the nucleic acid comprises amine group, sulfhydryl group, or mixture thereof.

15. (Previously presented) A substrate comprising:

support surface; and

polymer coupled to the support surface;

the polymer comprising:

at least about 40 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof; and

one or more reactive groups, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise thermochemically reactive group, photochemically reactive group or mixtures thereof;

wherein the polymer is configured to form covalent bonds with biomolecule.

16. (Previously presented) A composition comprising polymer;

the polymer comprising:

at least about 40 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof; and

one or more reactive groups configured to form covalent bonds with corresponding functional groups on biomolecule, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise thermochemically reactive group, photochemically reactive group or mixtures thereof;

the polymer being configured to be covalently attached to surface.

17. (Original) The composition of claim 16, wherein the polymer comprises N,N-dimethylacrylamide, N,N-diethylacrylamide, N-isopropylacrylamide, N-t-butylacrylamide, N-octylacrylamide, N-cyclohexylacrylamide, N-phenylacrylamide, N-benzylacrylamide, N-(CH₂OC₄H₉)acrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-(CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂CH₂OH)acrylamide, N-methylmethacrylamide, N-ethylmethacrylamide, N,N-dimethylmethacrylamide, N,N-diethylmethacrylamide, N-acryloylmorpholine, N-methacryloylmorpholine, N-(CH₂OC₄H₉)methacrylamide, N-(CH₂CH₂OH)methacrylamide, N-(CH₂OH)methacrylamide, or mixtures thereof.

18. (Original) The composition of claim 17, wherein the polymer comprises N,N-dimethylacrylamide.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 16, wherein the polymer comprises about 85 to about 95 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 16, wherein the polymer coating comprises an N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof in an amount effective to provide, when coated on a surface of a substrate, a contact angle of about 30° to about 60° for a sessile water drop.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim ~~21~~ 16, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise thermochemically reactive group; the thermochemically reactive group comprising NOS, epoxide, aldehyde, isothiocyanate, or mixtures thereof.

23. (Previously presented) The composition of claim ~~24~~ 16, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise photochemically reactive group; the photochemically reactive group comprising acetophenone, benzophenone, quinone, anthraquinone, anthrone, heterocyclic analog of anthrone, or mixtures thereof.

24. (Previously presented) The composition of claim ~~24~~ 16, wherein the one or more reactive groups comprise photochemically reactive group; the photochemically reactive group comprises photoreactive aryl ketone; and the biomolecule comprises nucleic acid.

25. (Original) The composition of claim 16, wherein:
the biomolecule comprises nucleic acid; and
the surface comprises organosilane-pretreated glass, organosilane-pretreated silicon, silicon hydride, or plastic.

26. (Withdrawn) A method of attaching biomolecule to surface of substrate, the method comprising:

providing composition comprising polymer;

the polymer comprising:

at least about 40 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof; and

one or more pendent reactive groups configured to form covalent bonds with corresponding functional groups on biomolecule, wherein the one or more pendent reactive groups are selected from thermochemically reactive group, photochemically reactive group, or mixtures thereof;

the polymer being configured to be covalently attached to the surface coating and immobilizing the composition on the substrate surface;

providing solution comprising biomolecule comprising one or more functional groups reactive with the reactive groups;

applying an aliquot of the solution to the substrate surface; and

forming covalent bonds between the reactive group and the functional group of the biomolecule.

27. (Previously presented) A microarray comprising:

support surface;

polymer covalently coupled to the support surface;

the polymer comprising:

at least about 40 mol-% N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof; and

one or more reactive groups, wherein the one or more reactive groups are selected from thermochemically reactive group, photochemically reactive group, or mixtures thereof;

biomolecule covalently bound to the polymer in discrete spots.

28. (Original) The microarray of claim 27, wherein the spots are generally circular in shape, have a diameter of about 20 microns to about 100 microns, and are separated from other spots in the array by center to center spacing of about 40 microns to about 120 microns.

29. (Original) The microarray of claim 27, wherein the polymer coating comprises an N-substituted acrylamide, N,N-disubstituted acrylamide, N-substituted methacrylamide, N,N-disubstituted methacrylamide, or mixture thereof in an amount effective to provide a contact angle of about 30° to about 60° for a sessile water drop.

30-45. (Cancelled)